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TO: Mr. Peter Sullivan, Minority Staff Director
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate

Peter:

Mr. Briggs asked me to send you a copy
of the 17 June 1983 article from The
Statesman regarding [redacted] The article
is enclosed.

[redacted]
Secretary to Mr. Briggs

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C.I.A. denies having Desai on payroll

From WARREN UNNA

WASHINGTON, June 16.—
The U.S. Central Intelligence
Agency has denied that Mr.
Morarji Desai ever was on its
payroll as an informer, ac-
cording to Senator Daniel
Patrick Moynihan.

Mr. Moynihan, Vice-Chairman
of the Senate Intelligence
Committee, which watches
over CIA activities, told The
Statesman yesterday: "There
was nothing like that when I
was there (U.S. Ambassador
to India from 1973 to 1975),
but when I read this I said:
This is a terrible thing to do
to a distinguished older states-
man. My God, it's terrible." So
I called the agency (CIA) to
go through its files and they
said, 'absolutely not.' So there
is no story except no," the
New York Senator declared.

In his recently published
book on Dr. Henry Kissinger's
years as President Nixon's
White House National Security
Adviser, Mr. Seymour Mervin
wrote that India's former
Prime Minister had been on
CIA's payroll as a \$20,000-a-
year informer during the Ad-
ministrations of both Presi-
dents, Mr. Johnson and Mr.
Nixon, at least until the early
seventies (which preceded
Senator Moynihan's tour as
U.S. Ambassador to India).

Mr. Moynihan's denial of the
charge comes just as Mr.
Subramaniam Swamy, the
Janata MP, is touring
America's east coast defend-
ing his old political colleague.

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